

ADC Directive

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THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

1. PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for ADC activities associated with Threatened and Endangered (T&E) species.

2. REPLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

This directive replaces ADC Directive 4.020 dated 10/6/89.

3. POLICY

ADC will conduct its activities to minimize the chances of taking any Federal or State proposed or listed T&E species or adversely modifying any proposed or listed critical habitat.

The Director of the ADC Operational Support Staff is responsible for notifying the other Directors and all State Directors of any new or proposed Federal listings of T&E species or their critical habitats. State Directors are responsible for knowing all Federal and State proposed and listed T&E species, the proposed or designated critical habitats that occur in their area of responsibility, and for conducting their program activities in a manner consistent with this policy.

State Directors will assure that all of their ADC employees (Federal and non-Federal) are familiar with the requirements of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended. ADC employees will also be familiar with Section 7 biological opinions on listed species potentially impacted by their ADC control activities. State Directors will request Section 7 consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) if new information reveals impacts that were not considered in earlier consultations or when new species or critical habitat are listed or proposed that may be impacted by ADC activities.

Incidents involving taking or adversely affecting listed T&E species will be reported within 24 hours to the appropriate ADC Directors and State Directors.

Unless otherwise authorized, the location of dead or seriously injured T&E specimens will be immediately reported to the FWS law enforcement office and appropriate State wildlife representative.

When T&E species are responsible for causing damage, the ADC State Director will work jointly with the FWS and appropriate State

agencies having responsibility for management of those species, to determine if acceptable solutions for controlling damage can be agreed upon and implemented.

When a managing agency requests ADC assistance in protecting T&E species or controlling damages caused by T&E species, the requesting agency will bear responsibility for funding the work. The ADC State Director will coordinate with appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies to arrange funding and determine acceptable control procedures.

4. REFERENCES

50 CFR Part 17 - Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants
Subpart C - Endangered Wildlife
Subpart D - Threatened Wildlife
Subpart E - Similarity of Appearance
Subpart H - Experimental Population
Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543), as amended



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